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Seminar

Asia (Political Systems)

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As an integral part of its current area program, the Language and Area School is offering this summer a seminar course on the Political Systems of Asia, beginning Monday, 22 July, and running for six weeks, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 1000 to 1200 hours in Room 2524, Quarters Eye. Applications for registration must be submitted to the Registrar, OTR, on or before 8 July. [redacted] extension [redacted] are the principal instructors.

This seminar is intended to offer an opportunity to consider and discuss the development of modern indigenous political institutions and concepts in Asia, against the background both of Western and Russian influences and of local forces and environments. Admission to the course will be limited to those who have had at least two years' experience in the area, or who have either taken area studies at the graduate level or majored in political science, or have had the equivalent thereof, and who are prepared to make a serious contribution to the discussions. Qualified guest speakers will be invited to participate from time to time. The following program will be adhered to:

Monday 22 July	Introduction to the subject. What is the nature of a Political Society? What are its basic elements? How does it function?
Wednesday 24 July	Historical Review: The Traditional Government of China
Friday 26 July	Historical Review: The Traditional Government of Japan
Monday 29 July	Historical Review: Traditional Governments in South-east Asia.
Wednesday 31 July	Historical Review: Traditional Governments in South Asia
Friday 2 August	External Influences: The British Raj; Anglo-Saxon Parliamentary Centralism
Monday 5 August	External Influences: The Dutch-French-Spanish Influence; The Civil Law
Wednesday 7 August	External Influences: The American Democratic Tradition
Friday 9 August	External Influences: The Socialist/Communist Approach

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Monday 12 August	The Executive Process in Asia Today I
Wednesday 14 August	The Executive Process in Asia Today II
Friday 16 August	The Legislative Process in Asia Today I
Monday 19 August	The Legislative Process in Asia Today II
Wednesday 21 August	The Judicial Process in Asia Today I
Friday 23 August	The Judicial Process in Asia Today II
Monday 26 August	Local Government in Asia
Wednesday 28 August	Public Finance in Asia
Friday 30 August	Some Conclusions and Speculations

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